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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
Applicant: Alok Srivistava et al.)
Serial No. 09/584,318)
Filed: May 31, 2000)
Title: Dynamic Services Infrastructure for)
Allowing Programmatic Access to)
Internet and Other Resources)

Examiner
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please replace the specification with the attached substitute specification. Another version of the substitute specification, marked up to show all changes relative to the previous version and showing deleted matter in brackets and underlining added matter, is also attached.

Please replace the claims as filed with the attached clean version of the entire set of pending claims which is being submitted as a separate single amendment paper. A marked up version showing the claims being changed by this amendment is also attached.

Remarks

The specification has been amended to correct numerous minor errors. No new matter has been introduced.

The claims were also amended to place them in better condition for examination.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the "Appendix" which appears at the end. The "Appendix" contains four parts: a Service Descriptor Schema listing; a sample Service Descriptor for a currency exchange service; an example XML schema Document Type